A PIECE OF CAKE FROM OUT OF TOP GUN

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say ok, make the confess

The Tragedy of Rafael Cortéras
an anti-epic poem that will change the course of the 21st century
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Chapter 21

"They will see madness. They will see... inside."

In the Grotesque underbelly, a Chaos white sky
Bubbles above the octagon roof
Looking down upon the insatiable ALLSOUTH

CHECK THE EXPIRATION HATE
—a puritan smutcracker screams while
beheading dolls with succulent lightbulbs
in the lowly below

T H E D O O R S H U T S
as the link between hooks and craniums
twitch, involuntarily slurping—

Seven pools of watery black festering GHOULD
Rot where the singers once stood,
The half-eaten lyrics slowly digested in the
p r i m o r d i a l g o o p

Beams of light and broomstrokes of dark
Crosshatch the scene around Romonde

The warm hug of Gabriel's Mist creeping away,
as the Tower bristles with bestial fur,
swaying in the wind like an angry gait

AND ROMONDE HEARS IT

Wind polluted with the business cards of the recently
deceased

AND ROMONDE SEES IT

A mass of natural wires and tree stumps and red
indulgent led lights

THE CARCRASH NIGHTINGALE

Soaring through the curdling sky,
suckling on the polluted juices,
causing lightning in the great outstairs...

Flies away to some unknown destiny,
Before
    She
        Arrives

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Black slugs begin to rain,
—SIGN OF HER APPEARANCE—
As the dog lady circles around the roof,
Around Romonde,
Each pool transformed into a
B A R K I N G L O T U S

"As I open Eternity's Crooked
Door for you Romonde,

My gnarl is blue faced and white as currency!

You will serve yourself,
instead of others.

Bitter and unable to sculpt
W O R D S O U L

Running away forever!
And I will silently growl,

I
S T E P M O T H E R N A T U R E
O N

—Silently!
As I sink your celestial
islands through category!"

The dog lady lunges towards Romonde
ready to carve the mark Phantom Saints
refuse to crystallise—

    And Romonde falls to the side,
    And she hits the parapet,
    Unfazed by the broken stone,
    Iron claws lusting for blood,
    Dust and debris blooming out,

Sends rubble on Holy quest,
To collide with Romonde's head—

AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S CALLED...

There is not a map,
In the Black and Gold,
Don't fear this a trap,
No lies will be told.

The Black continues,
The Gold is screaming,
And do not refuse,
What I am dreaming.

It was imprisoned,
Your fitting and fear,
The dog it glistened,
And you led it here.

Now is the lesson,
The sacred non-sense,
Your new obsession,
To climb like a fence.

To bring forth the Sun,
And manifest eyes,
Imagination,
Will bring paradise.

One glimpse at this world
But you can't come back,
It's time to unfurl,
From the Gold and Black.

...THE INSIDE OF THE OUTSIDE.

Chapter 22

"It's quite simply the joy of burrowing in mess. That's my secret."

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returns from someplace else,
to find
her Mild Hunt over,

The dog lady from Liarland now docile as her iron claws fall,
Her body now thumbsized and smiling bluegreen,
So Romonde touches the stoneground in front of her,
The static causing a lightning proposal,
She feeds on the bolts and sees a—

CIRCUS OF WANDS
impaled by a carrousel
of deathly desire
s a v a g e s i l e n c e
of the organism...

And she begins to float,
Higher and further,
Above the Clouds of Oblivion,
Climbing away,

The dog lady from Liarland to become the first person to leave the Earth...

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Claws engraved with
ALL A MOUTH BLACK
Are taken by Romonde to the
Metal and sawdust castles
Outside the Tower,

Only one remains—

Taking the book gorged on new words,
Romonde kneels and enters the tree-high

DARKHITECTURE

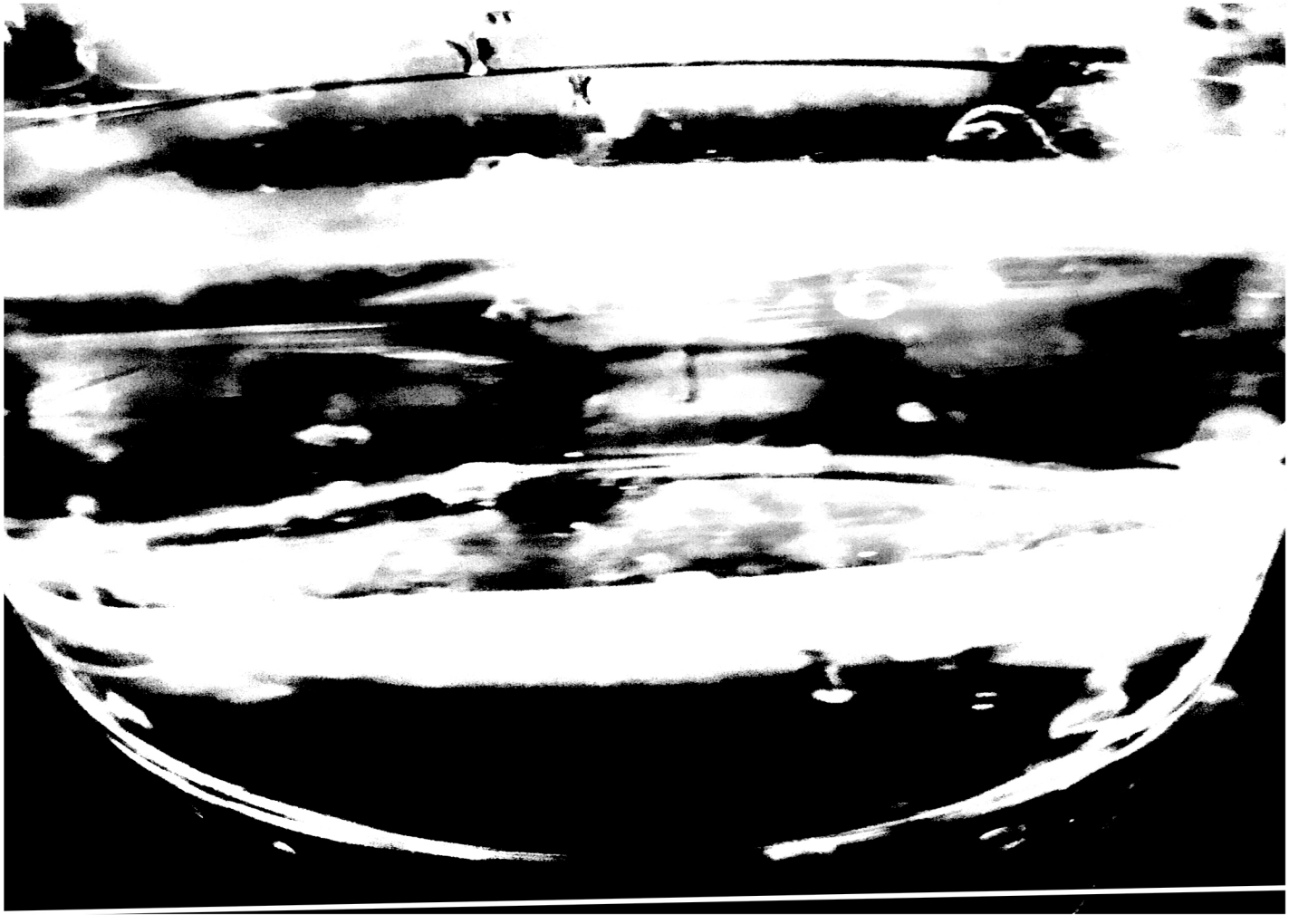
Refusing to acknowledge the grieving humans
Who gather round silent pigeons,
Impaled by the spikes they allowed to spread.

the WORLD of FORMLESS and VOYEUR turned INSIDE out

In the middle of Pallas's Triangular Platform,
Romonde inserts the claws into an ancient skull still warm,
The shrill grinding sound of dry eye sockets housed once again,
Sends the platform clambering down and into old Hid's Den.

END OF PART 2

You know just how much every artistic expression is the memory of a problem, a problem in a pretty frame. And each time, the result is just the residue of the dream, like footprints in the sand.



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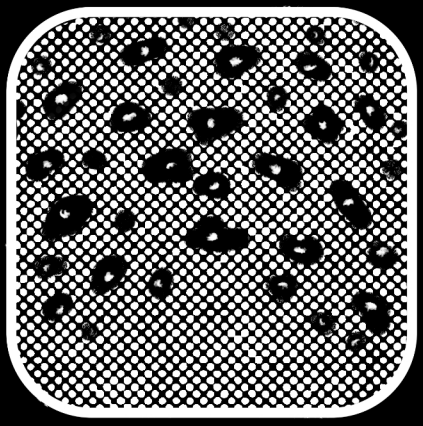

The Headless Peafowl of West London

Relatively new to British Folklore, this strange peafowl (peacock or peahen, no one knows the actual gender of this supernatural entity) was first sighted around the early 1960's in West London. All reports talk of it having no visible head or neck, just the body, legs and plumage of a peafowl. Although uncanny sounding, this is not why it inspires fear into all who've reported its existence. Everyone who has come across this fowl creature mentions the myriad evil eyes fanned out across the plumage, almost floating, that stare with ill intent. Seeing these eyes is described as prying and prodding inside the body with deathly cold fingers. Alcoholism, domestic violence, even suicide supposedly follow a run in with the 'headless peacock' as it it is sometimes referred to. Urban legends say that a green pigeon sighting or smelling a pungent garlic like stench (similar to the body odour one emits with liver disease) is a warning that the creature is near, but these are not corroborated with experts in British folklore.